

May 27, 2011

To: Executive Board

Subject: **Contract Award – Environmental Consulting Services for San Gabriel Valley Park and Ride**

Recommendation

Authorize the Executive Director to execute an agreement in the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) with LSA Associates LLC to complete the environmental documentation required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed park and ride facility in the City of West Covina.

Analysis

On October 1, 2010 Foothill Transit issued Request for Proposals (RFP) 11-018 seeking proposals from qualified firms or individuals to provide environmental consulting services in connection with the proposed development of a park and ride facility or facilities to be located in the San Gabriel Valley. Since the overall project will be partially funded by federal grants, Foothill Transit must adhere to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and prepare appropriate documentation in order to obtain environmental clearance from the Federal Transit Administration. Similarly, environmental reviews and the preparation of appropriate documentation will be required to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The consultant will identify the potential adverse environmental effects of the proposed project and the potential level of the significance of the impacts before and after mitigation. The consultant, either directly or under a subcontract, will conduct a traffic analysis to determine what if any significant impacts will result from new traffic generated by the project, or if appropriate, recommend improvements necessary to accommodate traffic impacts.

Nine proposals were received on November 9, 2010. Because of the varying environmental complexities at each proposed project site, it is recommended that the services of a consultant with experience and working knowledge with the Federal Transit Administration to complement a specific proposed park and ride site be procured. The three highest-rated proposers were selected and based on their experience a project site was assigned.

LSA Associates was selected for the West Covina park and ride project. LSA staff has worked with Foothill Transit with the previous park and ride project at the Administrative Building. The type of documents and processing requirements will be similar for the current proposed park and ride facility. The LSA team has 34 years of experience in

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CEQA and NEPA compliance, including many transit-oriented projects and large public works structures. LSA is recognized as an innovator in the field of environmental assessments and community planning, and has developed a reputation among clients and professional peers as being thorough, innovative, and objective.


Fiscal Impact

Included in the approved Fiscal Year 2012 Business Plan are \$17.9 million for a potential West Covina Park and Ride and Transit Center Project.

Sincerely,



Roland M. Cordero
Director of Facilities



Doran J. Barnes
Executive Director